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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING ULTRA-THIN SEMICONDUCTOR CHIP AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING ULTRA-THIN BACK-ILLUMINATED SOLID-STATE IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE

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RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 20, 2005 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 20, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the patent application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.